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Acts 2--FIRST PERSON
WHY WERE MORE CONFIRMED ON PENTECOST??

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Introduction:

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1. Let us place ourselves back about 1921 years and imagine we are in the city of Jerusalem when a great sound came.
2. The day is the day of Pentecost, A. D. 30.
3. The time is about 9:00 in the morning.
4. Here is the beginning of the church, but we did not know it.
5. Many strange things had been happening the past few weeks, and now today some funny things had happened. Great sound. Man speaking so that everyone could hear and understand.
6. There were 3000 people baptized, we saw all of it.
7. Let us follow the events of the day.

BODY:

1. Everyone is gathered in the city for the Jewish day of worship. A strange sound passes over the city, and all wonders what is happening. Everyone runs together to see if they can find out what is happening. Minds are confused and puzzled.
2. As we arrive at the temple we see 12 men arise and begin to speak and everyone can understand them (in own language). There was a great number of people present:
 - The temple covered about 19 acres; 1900 ft. long.
 - Thousands came together.
3. As they speak we can see that they are all Galileans, that they are not learned men, without education. Thus as they speak someone accused them of being drunken.
 - (But you know better, for one that is drunk can hardly speak in his own language, much less 17 languages).
4. The one that is called Peter begins to speak.
 - (He says that they are not drunk, only 9:00 o'clock).
5. As all of this is happening you remember that these men are the ones that had been seen walking the streets with the one called Jesus, who claimed to be the Son of God. They you remember that it had been only about 50 days since this man had been crucified and then 3 days later the tomb was found empty.
6. This had puzzled you all these days, wondered if it was really so or not, but then you had talked to some who had seen the empty tomb with the large stone.
7. But as you are thinking of all of these things Peter begins to speak and he holds your attention, you listen.
 - He begins by speaking of what Joel had said, and you knew all about that prophecy.
 - Then he directs their minds to this man, Jesus Christ.
 - He begins to tell about the birth of this individual King (You remembered that there was some strange events that occurred during the time he spoke of).
 - This had happened only 33 years ago.
 - "Does not everyone remember these things?"

5. Then the man tells about the young boy's visit to Jerusalem at the age of 12 and you remember that the story came out that he had astounded the Jewish teachers.
6. His baptism is related, this was only 3 years before this. You remember about this man John who was preaching in wild. Peter asked "Were any of you present?" "Did any of you hear the voice come down from Heaven?"
7. Peter reminds you of the many mighty works and miracles done by this man Jesus.
 - (1) Lazarus could be in the crowd at this time.
 - (2) This miracle had happened only about 6 weeks ago and it told throughout the countryside.
- Peter says that this proves that God approved of Jesus, for how else could he have done all of these things.
8. Then there was the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city. You were present as he rode through the streets, and wondered why all of this was happening.
9. This man was then arrested, tried, and many cruel things. This also puzzled you because you did not know anything that he had done to receive this, but they said only because he claimed to be God's Son. ++
10. Then you were present when Jesus walked up the hill with the cross and was crucified. You had seen it. Peter calls this to your mind and it is a very vivid picture.
11. The body was taken down and buried in a new tomb of Joseph, but 3 days later it was found empty. And many had seen the empty tomb.
12. The question fills your mind--Where is this man now?
 - Then the man Peter says, "We say him alive after death"
 - This is a strange statement, but then all of these are strange.
13. Peter says that the Christ had gone into the heavens was not Lord of Lord and The Christ of the people.

Conclusion:

1. As the man was speaking you wondered if he was telling the truth, but then you knew that he must, because it all added up to be right.
2. Here the men spoke all these languages and the tongues of fire did sit on each one of them. We Belled God's Son
3. The people cried out alone with you, "What shall we do?"
4. Peter answers Acts 2:38.
5. You knew right then that you wanted to obey this command, and went with the 3000 to be baptized into Christ.
6. As it was all over you sat wondering why more had not understood all of it and obeyed the command.

Won't you also go, don't you know he speaks truth?
Why wait.